**Amendments to the Claims**:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-17. (Canceled)

18. (New) An accounting apparatus comprising:

a receiving unit that receives RIP (Raster Image Processing) data representing a processing mode of a RIP processing;

a storing unit that stores first information including a relationship between the processing mode and an accounting amount for the processing mode;

a calculation unit that calculates a first accounting amount by using the RIP data and the first information; and

an accounting unit that executes a first accounting processing which charges the first accounting amount calculated by the calculation unit to a requester of the RIP processing.

19. (New) The accounting apparatus according to claim 18, wherein:

the receiving unit receives print data representing a print mode of a print processing, the print processing including an image formation on a recording medium;

the storing unit stores second information including a relationship between the print mode and an accounting amount for the print mode;

the calculation unit calculates a second accounting amount by using the print data and the second information; and

the accounting unit executes a second accounting processing which charges the second accounting amount calculated by the calculation unit to a requester of the print processing.

20.     (New) The accounting apparatus according to claim 18, wherein:

the first information includes a plurality of relationships between a plurality of processing modes and a plurality of accounting amounts for the plurality of processing modes, and

the calculation unit calculates the first accounting amount by using the plurality of relationships.


21.     (New) The accounting apparatus according to claim 18, wherein the accounting unit executes the first accounting processing before a print of the RIP data is executed.


22.     (New) An accounting method comprising:

receiving RIP (Raster Image Processing) data representing a processing mode of a RIP processing;

calculating a first accounting amount by using the RIP data and first information, the first information including a relationship between the processing mode and an accounting amount for the processing mode; and

executing a first accounting processing which charges the first accounting amount calculated by the calculating step to a requester of the RIP processing.


23.     (New) The accounting method according to claim 22, further comprising:

receiving print data representing a print mode of a print processing, the print processing including an image formation on a recording medium;

calculating a second accounting amount by using the print data and second information, the second information including a relationship between the print mode and an accounting amount for the print mode; and

executing a second accounting processing which charges the calculated second accounting amount to a requester of the print processing.

24. (New) The accounting method according to claim 22, wherein:

the first information includes a plurality of relationships between a plurality of processing modes and a plurality of accounting amounts for the plurality of processing modes, and

calculating the first accounting amount comprises calculating the first accounting amount by using the plurality of relationships.

25. (New) The accounting method according to claim 22, wherein the executing of the first accounting processing is performed before a print of the RIP data is executed.

26. (New) A computer readable storage medium storing a program causing a computer to execute a process for performing an accounting processing, the process comprising:

receiving RIP (Raster Image Processing) data representing a processing mode of a RIP processing;

calculating a first accounting amount by using the RIP data and first information, the first information including a relationship between the processing mode and an accounting amount for the processing mode; and

executing a first accounting processing which charges the first accounting amount calculated by the calculating step to a requester of the RIP processing.

27.    (New)  The computer readable storage medium according to claim 26, further comprising:

receiving print data representing a print mode of a print processing, the print processing including an image formation on a recording medium;

calculating a second accounting amount by using the print data and second information, the second information including a relationship between the print mode and an accounting amount for the print mode; and

executing a second accounting processing which charges the calculated second accounting amount to a requester of the print processing.

28.    (New)  The computer readable storage medium according to claim 26, wherein:

the first information includes a plurality of relationships between a plurality of processing modes and a plurality of accounting amounts for the plurality of processing modes, and

the calculating of the first accounting amount comprises calculating the first accounting amount by using the plurality of relationships.

29.    (New)  The computer readable storage medium according to claim 26, wherein the executing of the first accounting processing is performed before a print of the RIP data is executed.